GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SIMPLIFICATION OF DRUGS AND COSMETIC ACT AND RULES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representations from the exporters for simplification of drugs and cosmetic Act and rules to facilitate export of drugs from the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such representations have been examined; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) No representations have been received from the exporters for simplification of Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules to facilitate the export from the country. However, this Ministry has received a representation from Drugs and Pharmaceutical Panel of Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXCIL), Mumbai on 08.06.2004 regarding easing of certain procedural norms followed by Port Officers for clearing export consignment of drugs etc. The office of DCG(I) has advised all the Port Officers for clearing export consignment of drugs etc. The Office of DCG(I) has advised all the Port Officers to examine the issues raised by the Panel with a view to streamline the procedural norms.

In addition, the following initiatives have already been taken to facilitate exports of drugs:

(i) Exemption from the requirement of registration of manufacturing site has been given to importers of drugs where the drugs have been imported against advance licence.

(ii) Exporters have been allowed to manufacture drugs which are not yet approved in the country for the purpose of export only.

(iii) Exporters are also allowed to export drugs with `neutral labels` that is allowing them to not mention the name and address of manufacturer on the label.